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IN THE CLAIMS

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Claims 1 – 3 (cancelled).

4 (Currently amended). A closure for a pill vial comprising:

a closure body configured and arranged to be removably mounted on a pill vial, said closure body including a top surface;

a transparent indicator dial ~~rotatably releasably~~ secured to the top surface of the closure body, whereby said indicator dial is rotatably movable relative to said closure body ~~and selectively detachable from said closure body;~~

said indicator dial and said closure body including a plurality of circumferentially spaced mating indexing formations that cooperate to define a plurality of fixed rotational positions of said indicator dial relative to said closure body;

a plurality of circumferentially spaced, sequentially increasing indicia of a first color representing a sequentially increasing number of doses of medicine taken during a predetermined time period,

said indicia being located on said indicator dial;

an indicator element of a second color located on said top surface of said closure body,

said closure body top surface, in its entirety, being of substantially the same color as the indicia with the exception of the indicator element;

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said indicia and said indicator element being circumferentially aligned with said mating indexing formations such that indexing said indicator dial one rotational position advances said indicator element one sequential indicia to indicate one additional dose taken within said predetermined time period.

Claims 5-10 (cancelled).

11 (previously presented). The closure of claim 4, wherein said indicia comprises a repeating pattern of at least two indicia.

12 (previously presented). The closure of claim 4, wherein said indicia comprises three repeating patterns of 4 sequentially increasing indicia.

13 (previsouly presented). The closure of claim 4, wherein said indicator element comprises an annular band having an open space sufficient to view a single indicia.

Claim 14 (cancelled).

15 (previously presented). The closure of claim 4, wherein said indicator element is a spot.

16 (previously presented). The closure of claim 4, wherein said first color is contrasting to said second color.

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17 (previously presented). The closure of claim 4, wherein said plurality of fixed rotational positions is twelve.

Claims 18-29 (cancelled).

30 (new). A closure for a pill vial comprising:

a closure body configured and arranged to be removably mounted on a pill vial, said closure body including a top surface;

a transparent indicator dial rotatably secured to the top surface of the closure body, whereby said indicator dial is rotatably movable relative to said closure body;

said indicator dial and said closure body including a plurality of circumferentially spaced mating indexing formations that cooperate to define a plurality of fixed rotational positions of said indicator dial relative to said closure body;

a plurality of circumferentially spaced, sequentially increasing indicia of a first color representing a sequentially increasing number of doses of medicine taken during a predetermined time period,

said indicia being located on said indicator dial;

~~an indicator element of a second color located on said top surface of said closure body,~~

said closure body top surface being entirely of a second color with the exception of a annular band having a width at least equal to a height of the indicia, said annular band being

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interrupted by a gap of a size larger than the indicia, the annular band being of substantially the same color as the indicia, the gap forming an indicator element;

said indicia and said indicator element being circumferentially aligned with said mating indexing formations such that indexing said indicator dial one rotational position advances said indicator element one sequential indicia to indicate one additional dose taken within said predetermined time period.

31 (new). The closure of claim 30, wherein said indicia comprises a repeating pattern of at least two indicia.

32 (new). The closure of claim 30, wherein said indicia comprises three repeating patterns of 4 sequentially increasing indicia.

33 (new). The closure of claim 30, wherein said first color is contrasting to said second color.

34 (new). The closure of claim 30, wherein said plurality of fixed rotational positions is twelve.

35 (new). The closure of claim 30, wherein the indicator dial is selectively detachable from said closure body.

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36 (new). The closure of claim 4, wherein the indicator dial is selectively detachable from said closure body.